



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Governor Bond:

With great pleasure I am today approving your request to conduct a State permit program pursuant to the provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (the Act). Pursuant to Section 402(c) of the Act, I am suspending, as of this date, the issuance of permits by the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 402(a) of the Act as to discharges in the State of Missouri other than those from agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government.

The program that you conduct pursuant to this authority must at all times be in accordance with Section 402 of the Act, all guidelines promulgated pursuant to Section 304(h)(2) of the Act, and the Protocol Working Agreement between the Regional Administrator of Region VII and the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, which I have also approved today (copy enclosed).

I strongly urge that Missouri make every effort to meet the deadline set in Section 402(k) of the Act that all NPDES permits be issued by December 31, 1974. Meeting the December 31 deadline is important because all facilities discharging without an NPDES permit after that date will be in violation of the Act and possibly subject to severe penalty provisions. Also, issuance of the permits is essential in order to put polluters on a specific clean-up schedule.

You, your staff, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources are to be commended for your unwavering energy and commitment in supporting and approving this most important State environmental program.

We look forward to working with you and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to continue the progress you have made towards cleaner water in Missouri's lakes and streams.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John Quarles

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